

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

- 1           1.       A set-top receiver for storing an electronic program guide ("EPG"), the  
2 set-top receiver comprising:  
3           a first memory device for storing a first portion of the EPG;  
4           a second memory device for storing a second portion of the EPG;  
5           means for dividing the electronic program guide into a first portion and a  
6           second portion; and  
7           means for allocating the first portion to the first memory device and the  
8           second portion to the second memory device.
- 1           2.       The set-top receiver as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
2           means to adjust the contents of the first portion of the EPG.
- 1           3.       The set-top receiver as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
2           means to adjust the contents of the second portion of the EPG.
- 1           4.       The set-top receiver as recited in claim 1, wherein the first memory is  
2 more rapidly accessed than the second memory.
- 1           5.       The set-top receiver as recited in claim 1, wherein the first memory is  
2 an electronic memory.
- 1           6.       The set-top receiver as recited in claim 5, wherein the first memory is a  
2 volatile memory.
- 1           7.       The set-top receiver as recited in claim 1, wherein the second memory  
2 is a non-volatile memory.
- 1           8.       The set-top receiver as recited in claim 7, wherein the second memory  
2 is a hard drive.
- 1           9.       The set-top receiver as recited in claim 2, wherein the first portion of the  
2 EPG comprises preferred data.

1        10.    A method for storing an EPG, comprising:  
 2        separating the EPG data into at least three modules, the three modules  
 3                comprising a channel module, a schedule module and a program  
 4                module.  
 5        determining the preferred data in the program module; and  
 6        creating a program submodule that comprises preferred data from the program  
 7                module;  
 8        storing the program submodule on a second memory device.

1        11.    The method as recited in claim 10, further comprising:  
 2        determining the preferred data in the program module;  
 3        creating a program submodule that comprises preferred data from the program  
 4                module; and  
 5        storing the program submodule on a second memory device.

1        12.    The method as recited in claim 10, further comprising:  
 2        determining preferred data in the channel module;  
 3        creating a schedule submodule that comprises preferred data from the channel  
 4                module; and  
 5        storing the channel submodule on a second memory device.

1        13. The method as recited in claim 10, further comprising:  
 2        determining preferred data in the schedule module;  
 3        creating a schedule submodule that comprises preferred data from the schedule  
 4                module; and  
 5        storing the schedule submodule on a second memory device.

1        14.    The method as recited in claim 10, further comprising;  
 2        adjusting the information stored in the first memory device.

1           15.    The method as recited in claim 14, wherein adjusting the information  
2 stored in the first memory device comprises:

3           monitoring the program submodule and identifying preferred data on the  
4           program submodule and moving the preferred data from the program  
5           submodule stored on the second memory device to the program  
6           module stored on the first memory device.

1           16.    The method as recited in claim 15, wherein adjusting the information  
2 stored in the first memory device further comprises:

3           monitoring the channel submodule and identifying preferred data on the  
4           channel submodule and moving the preferred data from the channel  
5           submodule stored on the second memory device to the channel module  
6           stored on the first memory device; and

7           monitoring the schedule submodule and identifying preferred data on the  
8           schedule  
9           submodule and moving the preferred data from the schedule  
10          submodule stored on the second memory device to the schedule  
11          module stored on the first memory device.

1           17.    A set-top receiver, comprising;

2           a processor;

3           computer readable medium coupled to said processor;

4           a first memory;

5           a second memory;

6           an EPG comprising;

7           less frequently accessed data; and

8           more frequently accessed data wherein the more frequently accessed  
9           data comprises preferred data; and

10          computer code encoded in computer readable medium, wherein the computer  
11          code is configured to cause the processor to:

12          identify preferred data stored in the second memory; and

